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SUBJECT: STIMULATING MOVEMENT ON VAROSHA

REF: A. STATE 171088; B. NICOSIA 1464 (NOTAL)

1. WHILE REALIZING THAT TURKISH RESPONSE ON VAROSHA MAY BE USEFUL AS IT STANDS IN PROMOTING MOVEMENT ON VAROSHA AND THE GENERAL CYPRUS PROBLEM AS WELL AS HELPING EFFORTS TO LIFT EMBARGO, WE NOTE THAT RESPONSE DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THREE FACTORS WE RAISED (REF B) WHICH WILL MAKE IT RELATIVELY EASY FOR GOC TO CREDIBLY REFUTE PROPOSAL. RESPONSE DOES NOT ASSURE THAT RETURNING GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN VAROSHA, DOES NOT PROVIDE GUARANTEE AGAINST ENCLAVEMENT, AND DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR EXCLUSIVE UN ADMINISTRATION DURING INTERIM PERIOD. ANOTHER OBJECTIONABLE POINT FROM GOC POINT OF VIEW
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IS INSISTENCE THAT ANY GREEK CYPRIOTS IN INTERIM VAROSHA ADMINISTRATION NOT BE REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS BUT OF GREEK CYPRIOT RESIDENTS OF VAROSHA.

2. WE RAISE THESE POINTS AGAIN BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THEY WILL BE IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS TO UNSYG WALDHEIM, WHO, IT SEEMS TO US, WILL NOT RISK HIS CREDIBILITY BY ENDORSING

PROPOSAL WITHOUT CONSULTING GOC.

3. WE REALIZE DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION IS TO GET VAROSHA PROPOSAL ON RECORD, WITH OR WITHOUT GOC ACCEPTANCE, AS AN INDICATION OF TURKISH FLEXIBILITY AND SINCERE DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. WE ARE REITERATING OUR ASSESSMENT OF GOC REACTION BECAUSE WE BELIEVE WALDHEIM WILL BE INFLUENCED BY SAME FACTORS.

4. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT PUBLICATION OF THE DOCUMENT WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY BOTH SIDES WOULD HARDEN ATTITUDES. ONCE PROPOSAL IS PUBLIC, IT WOULD BECOME EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN FURTHER MODIFICATIONS FROM THE TURKISH SIDE, AND WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD CONTINUE TO REJECT THE OFFER AS UNACCEPTABLE. THIS THE PROPOSAL'S USEFULNESS AS A STIMULUS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED WOULD BE SERIOUSLY DIMINISHED.
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